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By Overnight Mail

Hon. Mary Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications & Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Boston Gas Company Rate Case, D.T.E. 03-40

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case please find the original Initial Brief of the Massachusetts Oilheat Council, Inc. and the Massachusetts Alliance for Fair Competition, Inc., together with a 3.5" IBM-compatible disk containing said Initial Brief in WordPerfect format (.wpd suffix). In accordance with the procedural rules established by the Hearing Officer, and my conversation with Hearing Officer John Geary, we are sending 20 copies to Mr. Geary by overnight mail for distribution to Department Staff. All active parties to D.T.E. 03-40 are being served by e-mail and first class mail. A Certificate of Service is also enclosed.

Please date stamp our "File Copy" and return in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please feel free to contact me if there is any question about this filing or if the Department requires any additional copies to be filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Hon. Jeanne Voveris, H.O. (1 copy) by overnight mail
Hon. John J. Geary, H.O. (20 copies) by overnight mail
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